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Public Health LOOK OUT!

- August is National Immunizations Awareness Month (NIAM). NIAM is an observance created to highlight the importance of vaccination at all ages. Vaccines help prevent serious diseases such as whooping cough, pneumonia, and cancers caused by HPV. Vaccines have even helped eradicate a few diseases such as smallpox and polio. Use CDC's [adult vaccine assessment tool](#) to learn more about recommended vaccines.
- August is also National Breastfeeding Month (NBM). Breastfeeding can help reduce the risk of many health conditions for both infants and mothers such as asthma, obesity, and type 1 diabetes in infants as well as high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, ovarian cancer, and breast cancer in mothers. This year DOH-Miami-Dade WIC's BreastfeedMiami "Virtual Big Latch On" will take place on August 1st from 9:45am – 11:45am virtually with education opportunities, raffles, and giveaways. For more information and to register please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/WICBLO2020>.
- August is also Children's Eye Health and Safety Month. Children should have their eyes examined annually. Protecting against eye injuries is a part of maintaining healthy vision, by using protective eyewear during sports as well as purchasing age appropriate toys. For more information on maintaining healthy vision please visit [aao.org](#).

For the most recent information on COVID-19 in Florida please visit:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

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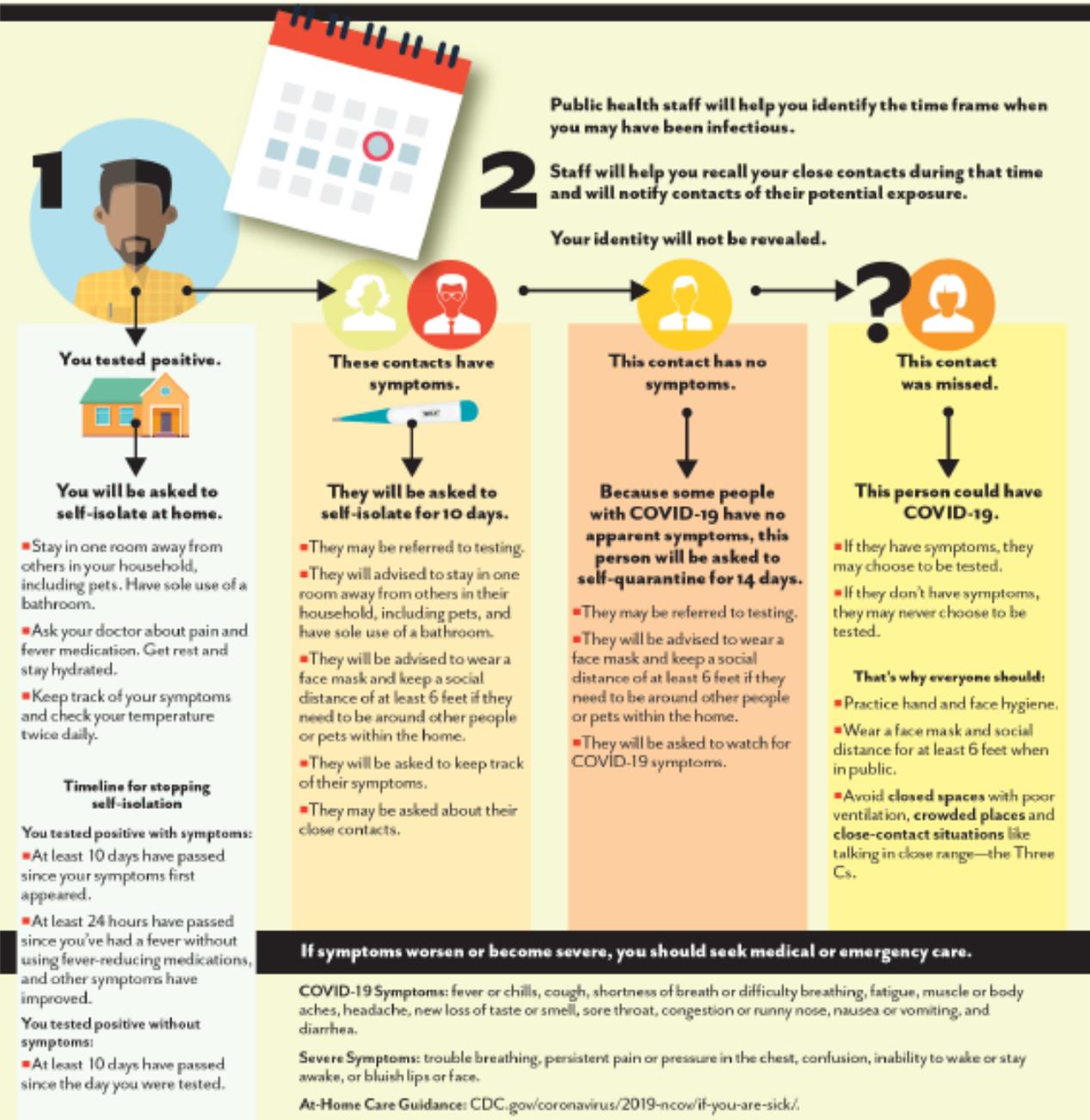


CONTACT TRACING FOR COVID-19



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If you test positive for COVID-19, public health staff will ask you about your close contacts. Over a number of days, staff will monitor you and your contacts. This is called contact tracing and it's a core public health function that helps stop the spread of disease.



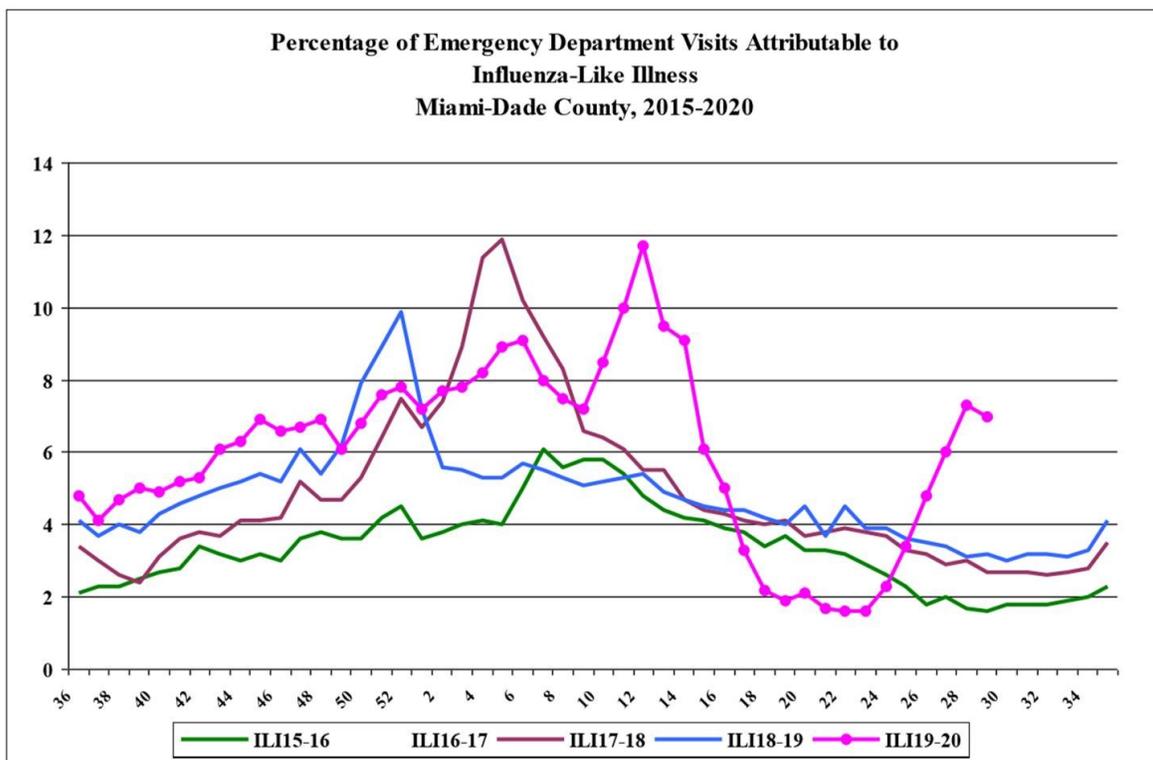
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Influenza Like Illness Surveillance Report

On a daily basis, all of Miami-Dade County's emergency department (ED) hospitals electronically transmit ED data to the Florida Department of Health. This data is then categorized into 11 distinct syndromes. The influenza-like illness (ILI) syndrome consists of fever with either cough or sore throat. It can also include a chief complaint of "flu" or "ILI". This season's 2019-2020 data is compared to the previous 4 influenza seasons (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019).

Influenza-Like-Illness, All Age



Across all ages, there were 33,069 ED visits; among them 2,237 (7.0%) were ILI. During the same week last year, 3.2% of ED visits were ILI.

PARTICIPATE IN INFLUENZA SENTINEL PROVIDER SURVEILLANCE

Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County NEEDS Influenza Sentinel Providers!

Sentinel providers are key to the success of the Florida Department of Health's Influenza Surveillance System. Data reported by sentinel providers gives a picture of the influenza virus and ILI activity in the U.S. and Florida which can be used to guide prevention and control activities, vaccine strain selection, and patient care.

- Providers of any specialty, in any type of practice, are eligible to be sentinel providers.
- Most providers report that it takes **less than 30 minutes a week** to compile and report data on the total number of patients seen and the number of patients seen with influenza-like illness.
- Sentinel providers can submit specimens from a subset of patients to the state laboratory for virus isolation **free of charge**.

For more information, please contact
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Miami-Dade County Monthly Report Select Reportable Disease/Conditions June 2020

Diseases/Conditions	2020	2020	2019	2018
	Current Month	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
HIV/AIDS				
AIDS*	26	166	216	255
HIV	99	547	769	733
STD				
Infectious Syphilis*	45	217	230	224
Chlamydia*	1034	5226	7327	6577
Gonorrhea*	406	1826	2285	2091
TB				
Tuberculosis**	10	41	68	57
Epidemiology, Disease Control & Immunization Services				
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Campylobacteriosis	39	257	428	420
Chikungunya Fever	0	0	0	0
Ciguatera Poisoning	1	5	24	18
Cryptosporidiosis	1	12	25	13
Cyclosporiasis	1	2	3	0
Dengue Fever	0	10	0	0
Escherichia coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	4	32	62	77
Encephalitis, West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis, Acute	16	61	84	90
Influenza, Pediatric Death	0	0	0	1
Legionellosis	1	13	28	28
Leptospirosis	0	0	0	0
Listeriosis	0	3	1	1
Lyme disease	0	3	0	1
Malaria	0	2	3	7
Meningitis (except aseptic)	0	4	4	6
Meningococcal Disease	0	2	2	0
Salmonella serotype Typhi (Typhoid Fever)	0	0	2	2
Salmonellosis	98	315	358	283
Shigellosis	4	73	139	164
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, invasive disease	5	37	0	0
Vibriosis	0	2	10	3
West Nile Fever	3	3	0	0
Zika Virus (non-congenital)	0	0	14	15
Immunization Preventable Diseases				
Measles	0	0	0	1
Mumps	0	1	18	6
Pertussis	1	8	14	10
Rubella	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	0	0	0	0
Varicella	0	24	60	44
Hepatitis				
Hepatitis A	0	8	22	6
Hepatitis B (Acute)	13	37	12	22
Healthy Homes				
Lead Poisoning	13	46	70	104

*Data is provisional at the county level and is subject to edit checks by state and federal agencies.

** Data on tuberculosis are provisional at the county level.

Data on EDC-IS includes Confirmed and Probable cases.

In Miami-Dade

- On July 16th the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance that makes failures to comply with Emergency Orders a civil offense, subject to a \$100 fine. [Read the press release here.](#)
- Miami-Dade County is providing assistance for individuals that need temporary hotel rooms to isolate. The program is open to those who have tested positive, or risk getting exposed in their household. The number to call is 305-614-1716. [More information available here.](#)
- The Florida Department of Health advises residents to answer calls from (833) 917-2880 as part of Florida's contact tracing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 by informing residents of their potential exposures.
- To find a free testing location near you please visit: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>.

COVID-19 Plasma Donation:

If you have fully recovered from COVID-19 you may be able to donate plasma to help others battling the infection. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 have COVID-19 antibodies that helped them fight the infection, and through plasma donation, may help others do the same. [Click here](#) for more information on plasma donation and how you can help.

To report diseases and for information, call EDC-IS at:

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	305-470-6877
Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance	305-470-5660
Hepatitis Program	305-470-5536
HIV/AIDS Program	305-470-6999
Immunization Services	305-470-5660
STD Program	305-575-5430
Tuberculosis Program	305-575-5415
Appointment Line	786-845-0550

*Thank you
for wearing a
face covering.*



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